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S.J.R. No. 19

Substitute the following for S.J.R. No. 19:

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C.S.S.J.R. No. 19

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a right for
2 residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver
3 for in-person visitation.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Article I, Texas Constitution, is amended by
6 adding Section 35 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 35. (a) A resident of a nursing facility, assisted
8 living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an
9 intellectual disability, residence providing home and
10 community-based services, or state supported living center, as
11 those terms are defined by general law, has the right to designate
12 an essential caregiver with whom the facility, residence, or center
13 may not prohibit in-person visitation.

14 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) of this section, the
15 legislature by general law may provide guidelines for a facility,
16 residence, or center described by Subsection (a) of this section to
17 follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and
18 procedures.

19 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be
20 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.
21 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the
22 proposition: "The constitutional amendment establishing a right
23 for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential
24 caregiver for in-person visitation."